

September 15, 2014

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Office of the Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street SW Washington, D.C. 20554

Notice of Ex Parte Communication

Re: Acceleration of Broadband Deployment by Improving Wireless Facilities Siting Policies (WT Docket No. 13-238); Acceleration of Broadband Deployment: Expanding the Reach and Reducing the Cost of Broadband Deployment by Improving Policies Regarding Public Rights of Way and Wireless Facilities Siting (WC Docket No. 11-59)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 12, 2014 the undersigned, along with Joe Briggs, Commissioner, Cascade County, Montana; Stephen Traylor, Executive Director, National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors; and Julia Pulidindi, Principal Associate, National League of Cities met to discuss the above-reference proceeding with Renee Gregory of the FCC.

During the meeting, we discussed ways counties are encouraging the deployment of wireless facilities and reiterated our continued commitment to developing best practices. Specifically, Commissioner Briggs spoke about the efforts in Cascade County to ensure timely and efficient deployment of wireless facilities. This effort includes a joint land use study with the Department of Defense and specifically, Malmstom Air Force Base, out of which a map was produced that outlines areas that are ripe for development, including the construction and collocation of wireless facilities. The land use study map could be the type of information included in a best practices manual. The map is attached to this ex parte notice as attachment 1.

Commissioner Briggs highlighted the fact that such an effort could have only happened at the local level as there must be a local government "host" for this type of study and as such emphasized the importance of local input and collaboration when industry seeks to locate wireless facilities in this type of uniquely situated landscape.

We also discussed hosting or contributing to an FCC workshop or webinar after rules are developed in this proceeding.

This letter is being filed electronically pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules. Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Sincerely, /s/Yejin Jang Associate Legislative Director National Association of Counties

Cc: Renee Gregory Stephen Traylor Julia Pulidindi

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